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HEALing grant progresses locally

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

REGION – An online meeting of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance Monday touched on a wide range of topics related to substance use and recovery.

An update on the Boston Medical Center's HEALing Communities Grant, was given, with a data collector and a data analyst having been recently hired. They will work in Ware and Belchertown, which make up an area considered one of the 16 areas of Massachusetts, and in other areas such as Greenfield, Orange and Athol.

Applications for a part-time coordinator for Ware and Belchertown have been received and a committee will screen the applicants and conduct interviews.

The grant was awarded in April 2019 by the National Institutes of Health, which selected four research sites for the HEALing

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The Town Hall clock was lighted, this time of year in orange for Halloween, just in time for the Halloween parade.

Fund for clock tower bells needs \$947

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The drive to raise money to revamp Town Hall's bells started after Bill Moryl and Ron Lamb successfully rewired the lighting for the clock lighting just in time for Halloween, which gave off a soft orange light. They now change the colors for all the holidays whether it be St. Patrick's Day or Memorial Day.

They and others got to thinking it would be great to hear the bells peal again, and the drive to raise \$28,300 began this past January. Now, there is only \$947 left to raise, he said.

"We had the company who had installed the control box for the bell and they came out and told us how much it would cost," Moryl said Tuesday. The bells are stationary, and are struck by hammers, which need to be replaced as well as other parts such as large bolts that need to be reforged, he said.

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Turley Publications courtesy photos Bill Moryl, left, and Rob Lamb worked together for hours to light up the Town Hall clock, which had been dark for between 15 and 30 years.

ATM, Town Election rescheduled

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – At their last meeting selectmen voted to reschedule the Annual Town Meeting to Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Ware Junior Senior High School at 237 West St. They removed all capital expense items due to expected reduced revenues and uncertainty about the state budget because of the COVID-19 restrictions that have kept people home and the closure of non-essential businesses. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, June 16.

The capital expense articles cut from the warrant will be taken up again at a fall Special Town Meeting, accord to Town Manager Stuart Beckley.

The warrant includes an article to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to the SelectBoard, to better reflect that both men and women serve on the board, which would have to be done through special legislation at the State House.

There is also an article to create a Fire Commission to oversee the Fire Department. The commission would be made up of the selectmen. Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon had said in a previous selectmen's meeting that he did not see the need for one. The selectmen are also members of the Police Commission, which oversees the Police Department.

The Planning Commission has also put forth new zoning regulations around solar energy facilities, which will be voted on.

Another article asks voters to approve changing the quorum for town meetings to zero, as the governor has proposed during the coronavirus response, which has also allowed towns to hold their meetings with video conferencing software as they limit the public from municipal meetings.

Article 26 asks voters to allow selectmen to petition the Legislature to change the home rule charter so town employees, whether part-time or full-time, can hold an elected office in Ware. If it passes it would allow those employees already serving in an elected seat to finish out their terms.

Article 23 asks voters to rescind a Special Tax Assessment given to G&G Medical Products LLC to develop a manufacturing facility in the Milyard as the company has allegedly not met the requirements of the agreement.

Remaining on the warrant are articles asking voters to approve matching funds for a \$50,000 Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant for structural improvements to Town Hall and to determine how to pay for that. There are also articles requesting the town inspect and clean the water storage tanks on Anderson Road and Church Street for \$10,000, and to repair the bridge on Old Belchertown Road. There is also an article asking for approval of \$50,000 to replace a remote water meter data collec-

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RECREATIONAL REMINDERS

Deer Park to Coxhall Kitchen Garden trail

By Paula Ouimette
Staff writer

HARDWICK — Not too far from the picturesque Hardwick Common, is the East Quabbin Land Trust's Deer Park Preserve located at 481 Barre Road. The trail is marked with blue blazes and follows the edge of a large field lined with birdhouses. This week, we decided to follow the Kitchen Garden trail and return to Deer Park via Simpson Road to Barre Road.

The trail we took departs from the field on the left, and crosses over a stream dotted with yellow



The Deer Park Preserve entrance is located at 481 Barre Road in Hardwick.

low marsh marigold and skunk cabbage. The trail is muddy in areas, as expected in springtime,

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Police officer charged with domestic assault

Placed on administrative leave with pay

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARREN – A Warren police officer has been placed on administrative leave with pay for the foreseeable future after he was arrested and charged with domestic assault on a family member following an alleged physical altercation with his girlfriend on the evening of Sunday, April 26, according to court documents and Warren Police Chief Gerald Millette.

Millette said this week he could not comment on the case, but did confirm Morin was on administrative leave with pay, and the Police Department is conducting its own

internal investigation into the matter.

State Troopers from the Brookfield barracks responded to a complaint by Morin's girlfriend that he had confronted her about smoking a cigarette and having several nip bottles of alcohol at her home while entertaining neighbors, according to court records. He was on duty as a Warren Police Officer and stopped by for a visit.

She told troopers that Morin "did not let her smoke" and "was enraged and aggressively put her in handcuffs and forced her into his Warren PD cruiser," according to court documents. She said she began to kick the Plexiglass partition in the cruiser to free herself, leading him to remove her from the cruiser and put her on the ground in front of her house. She said he

took off the handcuffs, according to the records, as he called her a derogatory name. She went back inside her home, but he also took her cell phone and would not return it, and would not let her leave her house, she told police. She then escaped through the basement and went to the home of other nearby friends. She met troopers in the street where other friends lived and told them she had a bruise on her arm when they asked her if she was injured.

One couple said they had been called to the victim's home because she was too intoxicated to care for her children while Morin was working. The husband said Morin was having trouble between being a police officer and a being a boy-

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QRSD subcommittees will do more this summer

By Ellenor Downer
Staff writer

BARRE – Quabbin Regional School District School Committee chair "Lee" Wolanin said last Tuesday he was "going to rely more on subcommittees and asked them to do quite a bit more this summer."

He said, "Nothing is going to be simple." He said having the subcommittees handle a lot more things would free up administrators and teachers. QRSD School Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said the technology, special education and plants and facilities subcommittees needed to meet.

During a Zoom meeting, Muir gave the School Committee an update on remote learning. She

said a survey to parents and another to the educational staff would be sent out seeking feedback on remote learning. She said the school year would close Wednesday, June 24. It was not known what plans would be for graduations at the elementary, middle and high schools at this time.

She had three staff members speak about remote learning at the elementary level, middle/high school level and special education. Colleen Mucha said at the elementary level students had two required assignments per week and other assignments were optional. In a typical third-grade classroom, she said the classes held a Google Meet Monday and Thursday. They also had reading

blocks with 2.5 hours of reading a daily requirement. She said in mathematics teachers were introducing new content. Teachers were used to being with their students and giving immediate feedback. That was not the case with remote learning. She said teachers offered office hours if students needed help.

Adam Couturier discussing learning for middle and high school students said, "No one taught through a pandemic." He said the College Board allowed students to take Advanced Placements exams from home, a first on its part.

Special Education Director Kristin Campione said special

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Last snowman?

Hopefully this was the last snowman of the year, and the snow and the COVID-19 virus shall both pass away.

Turley Publications courtesy photo by Barbara Clough

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Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Last week's are you old news was a photo of students from the First Step Elementary School at the New England Aquarium after winning a Save The Whale Contest, for which they submitted a poster and an audiotape. The students are Daniel Riggs, Michael Czabaj, Nicholas Martowski, and Jeffrey Swenson. Seated are Keith Harris, Elizabeth Haynes and Marshal Stiles.

If anyone can identify the girls in this week's issue please send the identification and your full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

Country Bank donates \$75,000 as part of 'Neighbors in Need' program

WARE – As the pandemic continues to disrupt business activities both nationally and in Massachusetts, Country Bank today announced a \$75,000 series of donations designed to assist organizations on the frontline.

As the latest installment in a string of recent financial support, the bank will be facilitating donations to select organizations throughout its market from Springfield to Worcester. The Greater Worcester Community Foundation and Community Foundation of Western Mass will receive \$25,000 each to provide additional grant funding for critical needs programs. These programs offer support for vulnerable seniors, those without stable housing, limited English, and with compromised health conditions, including mental health and drug addiction.

Other programs receiving a contribution include: Friends of the Homeless and The Springfield Rescue Mission; Abbey's House, Saint John's Food Pantry, and the Boys and Girls Club in Worcester.

These donations will assist in continuing to meet the ever-changing needs in their communities. Many nonprofit organizations are not only combating reduced financial support as many businesses are closed, but they also are faced with a lack of volunteers. They are having to continually evolve how they support their clients while keeping everyone safe, on a limited budget and with limited resources.

"This is an uncharted time for our bank, our customers, and our local business community. As part of our effort to assist those most affected by COVID-19, Country Bank has already donated \$400,000 to help local hospitals, first responder recovery centers, food pantries, homeless shelters, veterans, children and community foundations," said Paul Scully, president and CEO of Country Bank. "We continually look for opportunities where we can help make a difference in the health and well-being of the people in our communities"

Country Bank continues to be one of the many businesses that have been supporting these organizations and so many others out there who are fighting a good fight. To learn how to help these great organizations, visit www.countrybank.com/COVID19.

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

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Hardwick to hold Town Election on June 16 at Hardwick Elementary

Special, Annual Town Meetings also scheduled

HARDWICK – In accordance with Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, the Board of Selectmen have voted to reschedule the Hardwick Annual Town Election from Monday, April 13, to Tuesday, June 16, at the Hardwick Elementary School located at 76 School House Drive. This law also established and allowed for several things relevant to voter registration, the election date, ballots and other materials, voting in person and alternatives to voting in person such as absentee voting.

In addition Governor Charles Baker signed a COVID-19 Order #13, on March 23, which limits gathering to 10 or fewer people, Order #13 shall not apply to any municipal legislative body, the General Court or the Judiciary. That being said a notice of the rescheduled election date and a sample ballot are available on the town’s website www.townofhardwick.com and on www.mytown-government.org/01031.

A voter registration session will take place at the Municipal Building, 307 Main St, on Friday, June 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. The Town Clerk will be working during those hours and will be available by phone at 413-477-6700, ext. 104, to assist anyone needing help registering to vote or who have questions pertaining to their voter registration status or the election. Persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Hardwick, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before June 16 are eligible to register. Those residents meeting these qualifications (who are not already registered to vote in Hardwick) and who have a Massachusetts driver’s license can submit their registration online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com, or print and sign the Voter Registration Form and return it to Town Clerk, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA, 01031, or drop the form into the drop box located outside, near the main entrance of the Municipal Building. Voter registration forms are also available at most post offices.

The law authorizes the Town to use election materials originally prepared with the original election date. Therefore, we will be using the official and absentee ballots that were prepared and dated for the April 13 Annual Town Election. A sample ballot is available for your perusal at the Town’s website www.townofhardwick.com.

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tor, a data conversion computer software program and to purchase additional water meters.

There is also an article for \$25,000 to match a state Green Communities grant fund, which would be used to make various town buildings more energy efficient.

There are also warrant articles asking the town to accept Wildflower Drive and Briar Circle as public ways, and to discontinue a section of Quarry Street.

Among the items on the warrant are the town budget, various articles to allow the town to accept the grants, borrow money and conduct other financial tasks.

The articles put off to the Special Town Meeting in the fall include \$550,000 for a new fire engine, \$55,000 for a new police vehicle, \$175,000 for a pay-loader for the Department of Public Works, \$66,000 for a new Parks Department truck, \$225,000 for an integrated financial software package, \$38,000 for a School Department front loader tractor and \$15,000 for the Quaboag Connector.

Ocean State donates critical PPE to frontline workers

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

Ocean State Job Lot is making every dollar count in its effort to ensure the safety of frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. The discount retailer is in the midst of a \$250,000 campaign that is donating supplies to 140 different communities.

“We have an opportunity and a social responsibility to have a positive impact throughout the Northeast, where our associates and customers live and work,” said Paul Conforti, Chief Marketing Officer.

As part of its mission, Ocean State Job Lot is donating Personal Protective Equipment to first responders, medical personnel and frontline workers in each of the 140 communities that the business calls home.

With stores spread across Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont, the Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation certainly has its hands full.

“We believe that during this time of crisis, we all have skills and abilities that can help with the fight against COVID-19. At Ocean State Job Lot, we are using our global supply chain to source critical supplies and immediately provide them to frontline workers,” said Conforti.

As the region struggles to produce an adequate supply of PPE, the retailer’s campaign is critically significant. In addition to the \$250,000 that Ocean State Job Lot initially put towards its endeavor,



the business is entering customer donations into the equation.

“Our customers have been incredibly generous,” said Conforti. “We’re using 100% of every donated dollar to purchase supplies, and we’re using our buying power to get the most for everyone’s money.”

Ocean State Job Lot employees have stepped up and are contributing through a variety of means. Team Leaders at each location are communicating with their local police and fire chiefs to identify each department’s needs.

From that list, the retailer’s Distribution Center is filling boxes with requested items and labeling each one for shipment directly to the stations, noted Conforti. During the pandemic, Ocean State Job Lot has been forced to reduce hours, staff availability and has been mandated to limit the amount of

customers allowed in each store at once.

“All of these factors present ongoing challenges for our business. We feel fortunate to be able to remain open to serve our communities by providing essential items, including food, paper products, household cleaners, hand soap and sanitizer, and other much-needed products,” said Conforti.

Inside of each location, Ocean State Job Lot employees are wearing face coverings and sanitizing regularly. Signage is posted on store doors to alert customers of safety recommendations, and Plexiglas shields have been added at registers to protect employees.

Register lines are also marked for social distancing and customers are being asked to use “contactless payment or credit card at the pin pad,” said Conforti.

In addition to distributing PPE,

the Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation supports numerous causes such as feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, assisting veterans and military families, caring for children and advocating for healthcare among others.

“Contributions made to the foundation are handled with the same business expertise, intelligence and focus on value used to run the Ocean State Job Lot retail operation,” said Conforti. “This ensures that every dollar entrusted to the foundation makes the greatest possible impact on the communities we serve. Ocean State Job Lot absorbs all of the expenses associated with operating the foundation so 100 percent of every dollar donated benefits the organizations we support.”

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friend, according to court records. He also said the girlfriend was intoxicated.

Troopers returned to her home, where Morin’s car was parked, and as they drove up to the house he met them outside. He said he had stopped home during his shift as a Warren police officer and found her drinking at a neighbor’s house, and the neighbor did not want her there. As Morin tried to get her to leave she allegedly bit him, leading him to try to take her into protective custody by handcuffing her and placing her in his cruiser, he told troopers. Morin admitted he had not called in any of his actions in to dispatch. Millette then arrived on the scene, according to troopers, and confirmed Morin had not called any of his actions into dispatch. He

also asked them to take Morin’s police identification and his service gun, which was locked up at the Police Station, according to court documents. They also took other guns at the house, including a rifle and a shotgun, according to the records.

Troopers determined that Morin and his girlfriend are in a domestic relationship and a physical altercation had taken place, where “Morin was the primary aggressor and he was not acting within his official capacity at the time of the incident.” At that point Morin was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery on a family member.

Despite the altercation, his girlfriend said she did not want to get a restraining order against him. She asked Millette’s advice about what to do, and he encouraged

her to get a restraining order; she then called a relative but chose not to get one. Troopers told her she could apply for one if she changed her mind.

A couple of years ago, Morin was previously fired from the Warren Police Department after selectmen decided to let him go after he posted a meme from the internet featuring a black woman talking excitedly about a fire in her home on the Fire Department’s Facebook page.

An arbitrator ruled he had to be restored to his position and he returned to the Police Department.

His arraignment is set for June 26, although it is not clear in which court the case will be heard.

Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 Bottle, Can Drive

WARE – Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are unable to hold a drop off based Bottle and Can drive at this time. However, if you have four or more bags of bottles and cans, as many as you have, the troop is more than willing to set up a pick up at peoples’ homes. Please contact Scoutmaster Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email scoutdad281@charter.net. Thank you for the continued support of your local Boy Scout program.



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Task Force Talk

Things to consider

By Monica Moran
Guest columnist

If you or someone you care about is living with a harmful or destructive partner during COVID-19, the Task Force has some things we'd like you to consider.

But let's start out with this basic fact: the best way to make all relationships safe is to make sure that no one is abusive. This is our real work. We as a community need to hold people who abuse accountable, and make sure help is available for those who genuinely want to change.

In the meantime, if you are being mistreated, remind yourself everyday that it is not your fault and that you deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. What would you say if someone you cared about was being hurt? Say these things to yourself. You are worthy, important, valuable, deserving. Say it to yourself 10 times a day. If there is a peaceful place you can go to while you do this even for a few minutes, your favorite chair or a tree in your yard you like to sit under, all the better.

If there is someone you trust, consider telling them what is happening and asking for their support. You can also call a local advocate out of Behavioral Health Network at 413-262-7103 or 413-967-6241, ext. 58535. We know these advocates. They sit on the Task Force. They are good, caring, knowledgeable, nonjudgmental people. They are available to help even while we are socially isolating.

Of course, if it is an emergency call 911 or a hotline. Tell the dispatcher the physical danger you fear, and if there are guns in the house. SAFELINK, the state-wide hotline, can be reached at 877-785-2020.

If you have children, make sure they know none of what is happening is their fault. Tell them how important they are to you, and how you want them to stay safe. Make a plan for what they should do if they are worried. Is there a friend or neighbor they can call? Can you put this number in their phone contacts, and choose a code word that everyone knows means help is needed? Do they know to call 911 if needed? Where should they go in the apartment or house to stay safe? If you think they might tell your partner about the plan, craft it as a general emergency plan for cover.

In case you need to leave suddenly, have a plan in place. In an emergency, when adrenaline is pumping through our veins, it can be hard to think clearly. Thinking out ahead of time what you will do can help. Domestic violence advocates are experts at safety planning, so consider enlisting their help as you plan.

Who will you call and where will you go? Can you get a pay as you go phone so you can make some calls privately, calls that cannot be traced? A BHN advocate can help you get this kind of phone if needed. Remember, if your partner knows your passwords, they can access your calls, texts, emails, browser history and cloud storage. Learn what you can about keeping location trackers off and erasing things like text threads and browser history. Some abusive people install spyware on their partner's devices or place location trackers in cars or in a purse. You can learn more at www.techsafety.org.

Think about keeping your car filled with gas if you have one, and making copies of important papers like birth certificates, Social Security cards, car registration and insurance, protection orders and legal and financial documents. Keep these documents in a safe place where your partner is unlikely to look for things. Put aside medicines, extra car keys, a few clothing items, a gas card, some cash and an extra phone if you have one. If your partner is likely to grab your purse to stop you from leaving, make sure nothing essential is in it.

If you are afraid you will be hurt and cannot leave, where is the safest place in your house, where there are no knives or guns and you can't easily be trapped?

If you think a protective order will help, you can get one during COVID-19 without going to court. Advocates are great at walking people through how to get an order and what an order can include. For example, you can request that guns be removed from the home or that your partner refrain from abuse while they are home. You can include your children and your pets in an order.

If you'd rather, you can call the police or the courts directly to find out how to apply for an order, or call the Trial Court helpline at 833-912-6878.

If you don't plan to leave now but want to leave eventually, an advocate can still help. Many people plan for years before they leave. Advocates understand that leaving involves weighing significant trade-offs like facing poverty or homelessness, losing your or your child's support system, or even losing your faith community. Some people don't leave until they find a job, get job training, or find an affordable place to move to. An advocate can help with long-term planning and will understand that you know best when and if it is time to leave.

Remember, abuse is never the fault of the person who is abused. Everyone deserves to be safe, no matter what.

Submitted by Monica Moran, Coordinator, Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force on behalf of the Task Force. The Task Force can be reached on Facebook, at www.waredvtaskforce.org, or at 413-758-0605.

Help for old lilacs

While we never did get that new picket fence finished for Mother's Day, we did attack a patch of lilacs that were in terrible need of TLC. The poor things were growing in stone and covered in grapevine and a fair share of poison ivy. They really struggled last year and because of that have only a few buds. Once they are finished blooming we'll cut them back and do our best to enrich the soil and cross our fingers that they will rejuvenate. If you too like lilacs and are in need of a refresher course on their culture, read on.

I find it funny that for 50 weeks out of the year this nondescript bush blends into the background, but then, for two glorious weeks in May the spotlight is all its own. Sure, the flowers are great, but I think that they are merely a vessel for the intoxicating fragrance. I sniff it once and I am taken back to my childhood and the purple lilacs that bordered our back porch.

It is not difficult to succeed with lilacs providing you meet their basic requirements. Although they will survive in shade, they will not bloom there. Plant them in full sun in well-drained soil, avoiding areas that puddle water in summer or become encased in ice in winter. This is not to say lilacs like a drought, they do appreciate supplemental watering during dry spells. Lilacs prefer neutral to alkaline soil. Since soils in Massachusetts tend to be acidic adjusting the pH with lime is likely to be necessary.

Transplant in early spring or early fall, allowing a good 10 feet of space per lilac. If

a hedgerow of like varieties is desired spacing can be reduced to six feet apart. While lilacs may bloom the first season after transplanting, it may take three years for them to establish and flower regularly. As soon as flowering is finished remove spent blossoms down to the first leaf. Seed formation will be halted and energy will be conserved and redirected to next season's flower production. Since buds are set in summer it is important to tackle any necessary pruning soon after flowering as well. If pruning takes place in fall,

winter, or in spring prior to bloom there is a good chance buds will be sacrificed.

If your lilacs have become too woody and blooms are sniffed by use of tippy-toes it is time for some rejuvenation. Start in the center of the bush at ground level and work out, cutting out the oldest stems. Then concentrate on reducing the overall height to about 8 feet. Severely overgrown lilacs can be handled in this manner over a three-year period, pruning out one third each year.

You can propagate your own lilacs simply by transplanting a sucker from the main bush. In spring, use a spade to separate it, but leave it in place until the fall, by that time it will have grown its own roots and will be safe to move.

Two diseases that affect the leaves of lilac are powdery mildew fungus and leafroll necrosis, both of which are more cosmetic than injurious to plant health. Powdery mildew appears as white blotches on the leaves in late summer and fall. Adequate spacing and



regular pruning to improve air circulation may reduce the attack. Leafroll necrosis causes leaves to curl and is thought to be the result of air pollution. Some varieties are more susceptible to these diseases than others, keep this in mind when making your selection at the nursery. There are hundreds of cultivars of the Common Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*). Single and double-flowering forms are available, and colors range from traditional lilac-purple to other shades of purple, pink, magenta and white.

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ON THE GARDEN



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Worrisome trends affecting representative democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

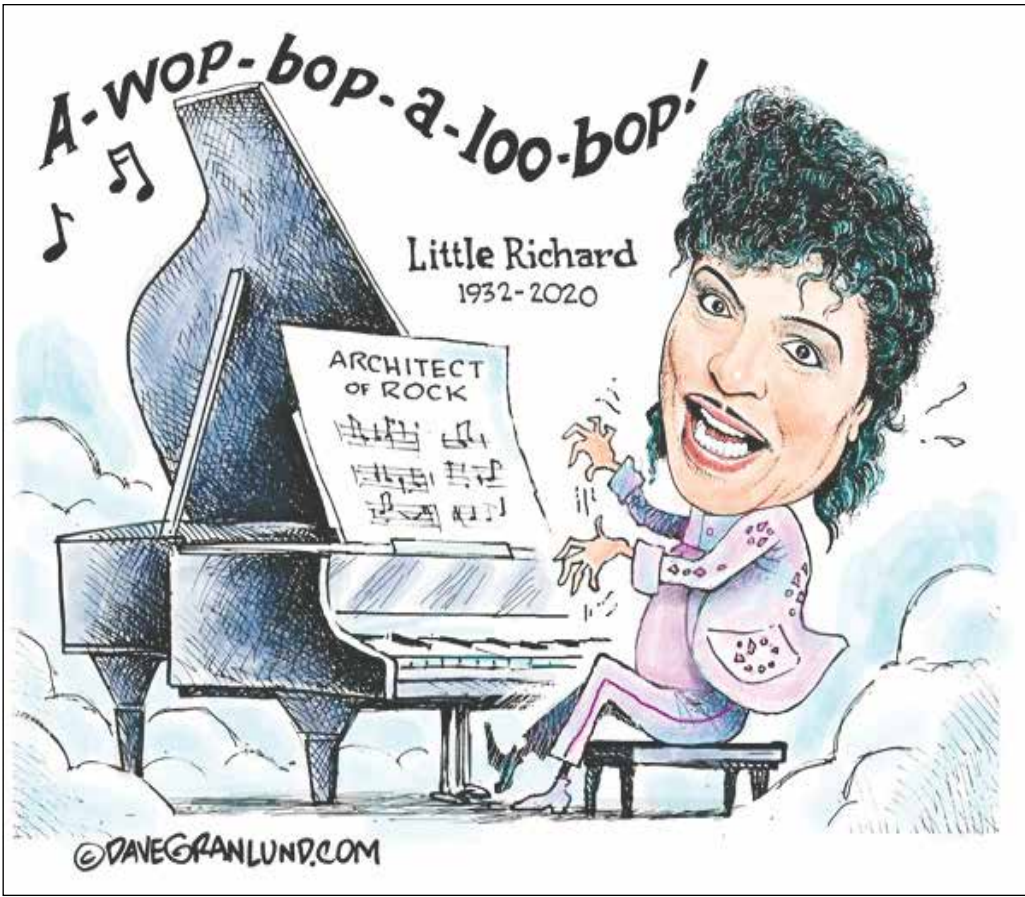
We've seen plenty of evidence lately of the deep polarization in this country. Even in the midst of this crisis, national politicians, the political parties and their adherents are finding plenty to fight over—even as, for the most part, ordinary Americans have been remarkably united and many governors and mayors have worked hard to handle the coronavirus pandemic competently and guided by expert advice.

The question as we look ahead is whether the trends we'd been seeing before the pandemic will reassert themselves, or instead there will be some sort of reset. Because those earlier trends are extremely worrisome.

For years now, it's been common for politicians to label their rivals as unpatriotic and illegitimate. The deep freeze in cross-aisle relations in Congress had made progress there extremely difficult, though the crisis has given congressional leaders and members of the Trump Administration no choice but to keep bargaining until they hammer out agreements.

Other trends are equally problematic. The federal civil service, for instance, has always fielded a lot of very good people—dedicated public servants who try not to be partisan, remain independent in their views, and support the work of whichever administration is in power. They want to make government work better. That has gotten much harder to pull off in recent years, and the result is a civil service that is losing workers, institutional knowledge, and competence. There are still capable civil servants, many of whom have been doing their best to keep federal services on an even keel during this crisis, but it's hard to escape the feeling that their impact has been diminished.

Likewise with the judiciary, which has become more politicized. It's a worrisome trend in a branch of government that has generally stood for even-handed justice and, over the long term, strengthened Americans' civil rights and civil liberties. The President, how-



ever, likes to say that his biggest achievement in office has been to put very conservative judges into power, a claim that undermines the judicial branch's standing as the pillar of independence this country long depended upon. Ideology will always play a role in judicial choices, but making judges more nakedly political is a destructive trend.

This extends to the media, as well. For whatever reason, it exercises less rigorous oversight of government, and what does exist is more partisan. While there's coverage of national issues and politics, the trends have led to less robust local coverage, and a less healthy democracy.

As polarization has deepened, Congress has gridlocked, presidential power has expanded (not a new thing, by the way), and the government has become less responsive and less effective. It took a national crisis to lay bare some of these issues, but the trends underlying them have been going on for some time, and fixing them will take time, too.

This has to start with ordinary Americans. Voters need to reclaim our democracy and demand that the system that made us a great nation—one that adhered to the checks and balances and separate institutional responsibilities laid out in our Constitution—be

restored. At the community, state, and federal levels, our job is to maintain the robustness of our institutions of government, agitate to ensure that they are performing as they should, and recognize that if the trends I've laid out strengthen their grip, our representative democracy will suffer. The threats may not be existential yet, but they could become so.

Because here's the thing. People may distrust government, but just as the pandemic has made clear that at bottom there's no palatable alternative to an effective and competent government system, so it's also true that the only way ultimately to solve the problems and worrisome trends of government is principally through government action. Which means that in the end, as citizens we have to forcefully step up to our responsibilities and insist that our public officials do so, too.

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Husband confused about spouse benefits

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I am 65 and still working and plan to work for some time to come. My birthdate is February 1955. My wife is 64 and not working. Her birthdate is January 1956. Half of my benefit is more than half of hers. I am confused on the spousal benefit rules. If she were to take her Social Security early before she reaches her full retirement age, what are the rules that affect her? **Signed: Confused Husband**

Dear Confused: First I must clarify that spousal benefits do not work as you have suggested, that "half of my benefit is more than half of hers." Spousal benefits are always based upon the amount the individuals are due at their full retirement age, regardless of the age at which they claim. If half of your benefit

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at your full retirement age (FRA) is more than your wife's full benefit at her full retirement age, then the difference between those two numbers is a "spousal boost" which is added to your wife's own payment amount when her spouse benefit starts. If she has reached her FRA when you claim and her spouse benefit starts, your wife will get the entire spousal boost; if she has not, the spousal boost will be reduced.

Your wife cannot collect a spousal benefit until you start collecting your Social Security, so if she claims benefits before you claim she will initially get only what she is entitled to on her own work record. Then when you claim, the "spousal boost" will be added to her benefit. If you claim at your FRA, your wife will not yet have reached her full retirement age,

so her spousal boost amount will be reduced and added to her own reduced benefit amount, making her total benefit as your spouse less than 50 percent of your FRA benefit amount.

Your full retirement age is 66 years and 2 months, and you won't be entitled to full benefits until you reach that age. For your awareness, you can wait beyond your FRA and earn delayed retirement credits, up to age 70 when your benefit would be about 31 percent more than it would be at your FRA, but your wife cannot get her spousal boost until you claim.

And also for your awareness, if you claim benefits before you reach your FRA and continue to work, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (\$18,240 for 2020) which, if exceeded, will cause SS to take back some of your benefits. The earnings limit goes

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Signs point hikers in the right direction.

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but comfortable to navigate. We noticed several old apple trees in addition to a variety of bird species. The highlight of our bird watching was seeing a male blackpoll warbler in his summer plumage.

Hardwick is known for its one-of-a-kind stonewalls, several of which you pass over on this trail. The trail even turns to rock ledge in several areas. Roughly about a mile into the woods, the trail open up into a vast clearing, known as the Coxhall Kitchen Garden.

The Coxhall Kitchen Garden is almost an acre of cleared land surrounded by a massive stonewall that towered over us in many spots. The land belonged to Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles, the founder of the Hardwick Community Fair, and one of Hardwick's most famous residents. He purchased this piece of land in 1771 and constructed the kitchen garden shortly

after. The stonewalls served to keep animals out and to create a microclimate ideal for growing vegetables.

Now the Coxhall Kitchen Garden is the site for the EQLT's annual campout for families, held over a summer weekend. The children especially enjoy playing along the stonewalls and exploring the many trails that cross through the property. The kitchen garden is far enough from the roadways and houses that no lights or sounds disrupt the peacefulness.

This is a popular spot for mountain bikers seeking a diverse and challenging terrain. The trails are well-maintained by a network of volunteers to ensure the safety of hikers, and cyclists, alike.

After exploring the kitchen garden, we returned to Deer Park by walking along Simpson Road. This dirt road passes from Barre Road to Ruggles Hill Road, and is difficult to travel by car in many areas.



Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette
A sturdy footbridge crosses a stream.

Yellow marsh marigolds add bright splashed of color to the green landscape.

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up by about 2.5 times in the year you reach your FRA and goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

Your wife's full retirement age is 66 years and four months, and any benefits she claims on her own record prior to reaching that age will be reduced. At 64 she could claim her own benefit from her own work record (assuming she has at least 40 Social Security credits), but that benefit would be reduced to about 85 percent of what she would get at her FRA. And claiming at age 64 would also affect the amount of her spousal benefit when that starts. The only way your wife can get 100 percent of the amount she is due as your spouse is to wait until her FRA to claim any benefit. If she claims her own benefit at age 64 or any time before her FRA, not only will her own benefit be reduced, but her eventual benefit as your spouse will be less than 50 percent of your FRA benefit amount, even if you wait to claim until your wife reaches her FRA. That's because her spousal boost, when

it occurs, will be added to the reduced Social Security retirement amount she is getting because she claimed before her full retirement age.

You are certainly not alone to be confused about spousal benefits as this is one of the most confusing areas of Social Security's rules. But I hope the above provides what you and your wife need to make an informed claiming decision.

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Golf a hit

Recreational restrictions eased by governor allow season to resume

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – With guidelines for opening the season again, Cold Spring Country Club has players back on the green while social distancing.

Cold Spring Country Club General Manager Dave Wright said the season originally opened on March 9 but was shut down only two and half weeks later. Then, last Thursday, the season was able to start again.

Wright said the season typically runs from April 1 through Sept. 1, depending on the weather.

Golfers have to get used to some restrictions – including a 15-minute wait between groups – but are able to hit the green once again.

“The clubhouse and anything indoors remain closed,” Wright said. “But people can sign up online or over the phone in order to play. I have an iPad I can use to check people in.”

He said one of the restrictions initially included that carts were prohibited, however. Wright said he got permission early in the week to be able to allow people to use the carts.

“We have some seniors who can't walk as well and there are



Dave Hunt, of Palmer, Mike McCuidy, of Sturbridge, Tom Healey, of Monson, and Mark Houlihan, of Chicopee, went golfing together at Cold Spring Country Club.



Rich Hubert, of Monson, tees off on the green at Cold Spring Country Club on Monday.

some parts of this course that are hilly,” Wright said. “We sanitize every cart and only allow one rider at a time.”

While he noticed the season

started up again, instructional classes have been cancelled. However, he hopes more people will come out to play golf since so many other recreational

activities aren't happening.

“Everyone has been itching to play golf who hasn't been able to for a while,” he said. “But I think we're going to get busy because there aren't many recreational activities to do – there's fishing, hiking and golf.”

As of Monday, Wright said 13 new members joined.

In order to keep staff safe, Wright one other employee split shifts to limit their exposure to people and one another.

While he said there would normally be himself and three other people, Wright said he hopes with more people participating, more employees can come back.

“We do what we need to do – it's all about safety,” Wright said. “Our staff is limited to keep us safe and the golfers are limited to keep them safe.”

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Communities Study in states hard hit by the opioid crisis, one of which is Massachusetts. The others are New York, Kentucky and Ohio.

The study aims to reduce overdose deaths by 40 percent over three years in selected 16 communities, by testing a set of proven prevention and treatment interventions, such as distribution of naloxone to reverse overdose and linking individuals in the criminal justice system with treatment for opioid addiction.

Boston Medical Center received \$89 million in April 2019, of the \$350 million awarded to support the multi-year study under a cooperative agreement supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health.

The study is also being carried out in partnership with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which provides support for many of the local prevention, treatment and

recovery support services to be studied. The study is part of the NIH Helping to End Addiction Long-term, or HEAL Initiative, designed to be a trans-agency effort to speed scientific solutions to stem the national opioid crisis.

Re-entry plan

Baystate Health is in the process of developing a plan for routine services to resume physically at its facilities, including Mary Lane and Wing hospitals, said Michelle Holmgren, public affairs person for Baystate Health Eastern Region.

“We're working on an re-entry plan,” she said Monday during an online meeting of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance.

The group is also working on an anti-stigma campaign, to be carried out with state funds earmarked by State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, through Baystate Health. While those funds were originally going to be used to host a large day-long conference on reducing the stigma around addiction and recovery, QHSUA coordinator Gail

Gramarossa said an expert on reducing stigma has agreed to give a talk online. A date and invitations will go out once it is finalized, she said.

Narcan distribution

How to make Narcan, a drug that temporarily blocks opiates and is used to stop an opioid overdose, was also discussed. It was discussed whether it would be possible to add Narcan distribution to an upcoming food distribution day at Grenville Park. It was decided a flyer in the bags of food being distributed as people drive up would be one way to get the word out.

More grants

The QHSUA is also working on Drug Free Communities grant applications for Belchertown Public Schools and the Quabbin Regional School District. The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance is in its fourth year of a five-year Drug Free Communities grant and has been working with the area school systems in drug prevention education. The deadline for the applications is June

8. Each school district could potentially receive \$125,000 for five years.

“It could bring more resources for drug use prevention and community outreach,” said Quaboag Hills Community Coalition Coordinator Gail Gramarossa. If the grants are successful it will help QHSUA as it coordinates its grants amongst a number of communities and school systems.

National Night Out

Nekr Jenkins, Go Purple Quabbin Youth Initiative program director, said the National Night Out organization wants to change the night it is celebrated to October instead of summer months. The event is a chance for municipal departments to interact with residents in a fun way, and offer information about resources at the same time.

If held in October, it would have to be held earlier in the day but after students get home from school as the sun sets earlier in the fall.

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Unity College celebrates Kyle Jordan and other graduates in virtual commencement

UNITY, MAINE – On May 9, due to the disruption caused by COVID-19, Unity College will celebrate its graduating Class of 2020 through a Virtual Recognition on its website and Facebook page.

Among the graduates to be honored May 9 is Kyle Jordan, from West Warren, Massachusetts, who majored in Wildlife and Fisheries Management.

“We are incredibly proud of all of our graduates this year, not only for their years of dedication to their studies, but also in how they have

adapted to the current challenges of COVID-19 to earn their degree,” said Unity College President Dr. Melik Peter Khoury. “I wish each one of them the best, and I look forward to seeing them all on campus soon so we can give them a proper sendoff into the next chapter of their lives.”

On Aug. 1, the College will host a large, in-person commencement at its flagship campus at 90 Quaker Hill Road in Unity, Maine, for graduates who had planned to march at the May Commencement

prior to COVID-19. Any graduate who cannot attend the August event is invited to participate in December Commencement on Dec. 18.

The first institution of higher education in the nation to divest from fossil fuel investments, Unity College is changing the face of higher education. Sustainability science lies at the heart of its educational mission, offering environmentally focused degrees on campus and online. For more information, visit www.unity.edu.

Ware Remembers 2020 will be on public access

Non-public ceremony this year

WARE – Now in its 10th year of partnership with the Ware Veterans Council, the Ware Historical Society will continue to honor loved ones with a field of flags on the Ware Center Meeting House green. Eagle Scouts under the guidance of Scoutmaster Dan Flynn of Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 will once again place rows of flags paying homage to persons living or deceased, residents of Ware or non-residents, military or non-military.

With quarantine and other safe-

ty precautions in effect this season’s ceremony will be a non-public event. A televised viewing including reading of the roll call will appear on Ware Community Television on Sunday, May 24, at 6 p.m., and run periodically thereafter.

A donation of \$5 per one form, one name per form includes placement of our American Flag on the green and honoree inclusion in the reading of the roll call. Anonymous donors are welcome. Please include a phone number in case pronunciation is needed. Multiple forms with donation may be completed for submission.

Forms with envelopes are available on the bulletin board at Ware

Post Office lobby, at the Ware River News office at 80 Main St., or people may call Cindi at 413-967-3887. E-mail requests with listing of honoree names can be sent to C5d6134@verizon.net. Please mail or deliver payment for same.

Completed forms with donations must be received by a deadline of Wednesday, May 20. There can be no exceptions. All checks can be made payable to Ware Historical Society. Please mail to Ware Remembers-2020, P. O. Box 351, Ware, MA, 01082 or drop off at 294 Belchertown Road, Ware. All questions can be addressed to Polli at 413-967-6882.

Unclaimed Property Division pays out \$5.5 million

BOSTON – As COVID-19 has forced millions to work remotely, businesses and government agencies have also had to adjust to these unprecedented times. The Massachusetts Unclaimed Property Division, however, was uniquely positioned to remote work without disrupting the customer experience and has paid out over \$5.5 Million in claims since the start of the pandemic.

In 2016, UCP updated its database system and public-fac-

ing website. State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, who oversees UCP, ensured that the division moved from an internal, on premises only, server-based system, to a secured-cloud-hosted web-based system. Employees who now work remotely are able to do so with the same functionality as if they were on site. The division also built a robust outreach program. As a result, staff already had experienced working remotely to initiate and pay claims outside of the office.

“By introducing new technology into Treasury departments and agencies we have been able to continue to efficiently serve the people of Massachusetts during these uncertain times,” said State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, “By establishing an advanced web-based system, Unclaimed Property has been able to serve thousands and pay out millions, which is currently needed by a lot of people.”

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Moxie the cat was the subject of a “Poorly Drawn” pet portrait, which is done by volunteers. The money goes to support Second Chance Animal Services.



Moxie’s “Poorly Drawn” portrait to benefit Second Chance Animal Services.

Second Chance volunteers create “Poorly Drawn” pet portraits

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services volunteers have found a fun way to help pets in need from their home thanks to a creative fundraiser sweeping across the nation. Volunteer ‘artists’ are creating pet portraits for the nonprofit’s Poorly Drawn Pets Fundraiser.

For a small donation, volunteers turn provided photos into portraits. The catch is that you never know which volunteer artist is going to create your masterpiece. It may be created by a seasoned artist who has honed their skills for years... or it could be a 7-year-old looking for something to do after distance learning. The results, so far, have

been great portraits and a lot of fun.

“Volunteers have been unable to volunteer in person since mid-March due to the COVID-19 outbreak” said Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato. “Many have been reaching out to see what they can do to help while they are sidelined at home and one volunteer saw this idea and shared it with our staff.”

Blancato said she is amazed by the artistic talent of the group of volunteers helping with the portraits. “Each artist brings their own style to the portraits,” she said. “I look forward to the daily Facebook posts featuring a gallery of new artwork.” Blancato is currently waiting for a portrait of two of her pets.

The fundraiser inspired Second Chance to create a volunteer from home program nicknamed Create 4 Critters. The program was launched with two other projects in addition to the pet portraits: creating catnip mice to help entertain feline shelter pets and creating one of a kind quilt and crochet squares, which will be assembled to be auctioned off at a later date.

Poorly Drawn Pets was originally planned just for Facebook, but Second Chance received many requests from people who don’t use social media, so the fundraiser is now available on the secondchanceanimals.org website.

Plant, bake, tag, and craft sale canceled

HARDWICK – It is with regret, but with an abundance of caution, that the Tri-Parish Community Church annual Plant, Bake, Tag, and Craft Sale, originally scheduled for May 30 and 31, has been cancelled for this year. The annual event will be back the first weekend in June 2021, and we hope to see everyone then.

This event is typically held the weekend after Memorial Day on the common in Hardwick. Beautiful flowering plants, lush vegetables, and herbs are supplied by a number of local vendors each year. It is the church’s hope that patrons who normally support the event, will instead support the fair’s local vendors during this difficult time.

They are: Chicken Feather Farm, at 55 Sibly Road, in New Braintree, by appointment, call 413-477- 6005; Inishowen Farms, 18 North St., in North Brookfield, at 508-867- 4012, and they are also on Facebook; and Stillman’s Farm, 1205 Barre Road in New Braintree, which can be contacted at 508-867-7193 or Stillmans@verizon.net.

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Ware youth basketball celebrates successful season



The 4/6 league champions was Club 12: (front) Coach Doug Koczur, Ryder Cahalan, Riley Fox, Jack Marceau, Brodie Koczur, Sean Bernier and Coach Mike Bernier (back) Jonas Toutant, Alexandra Marceau, Callie Cygan. Missing from picture is Megan Lukas.



The 7-9 champion Berkshire Blanket: (front) Owen McKeever, Ben Torres, Josh Dulak and Nathan Kaczuwka. (Back) Coach Gary Soltys, Gavin Kanozek, Josh Mulligan, Shane Logan and Donnie Charron.

WARE – The Ware Youth Basketball program had an exciting season over the winter. The success of the youth program is just one factor that has led to the success of the Ware High School programs. Although we saw a slight decrease in the amounts of children participating, there was still a total of 15 coed rec teams and 4 travel teams. Dan Orsulak also held the instructional clinic on Saturdays for children in grades K-2. The clinic focuses on the basics of basketball including dribbling, passing, defensive techniques and shooting. Members of the Ware High Basketball teams assist with various duties that help the league run from referring to assisting with clinic. The players that helped out this season were: Lexie Orsulak, Chelsea Orsulak, Olivia Vadnais, John Soltys, Andrew Soltys, Dillon Slattery, Keith Smith and Camden Balicki. The younger kids really look up to these older players and they serve as great role models.

The grades 1-3 program do not keep score and there are no standings or play-offs. This league is focused on more about teaching the game of basketball. A big part of the success are the coaches who volunteer their time. Coaches in the 1-3 program this year were: Mark Hebert, Rich Dulak, Ryan Devlin, Bernie Dulak, Jacqui Klee, Jeff Kularski, Shauna Collett and Adam Pond.

Grades 4-6 league was won by Club 12.

Other coaches for the 4-6 league were: Marilou Kaczuwka, Rich Dulak, Alex Bonilla, Mike Orsulak, Brian Guimond, Josh Kanozek, and Scott Slattery.

Grade 7-9 league was won by Berkshire Blanket. Other coaches for the 7-9 league were: Ryan Devlin, Bobby Hoisington, and

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The 5/6 suburban team: (front) Kaleb Koszewski, Brodie Koczur, Kaleb Kanozek (back) Jack Gaudreau, Noah Sierra, Alex Orsulak, Brady Guimond, Coach Josh Kanozek. (Missing from picture): Sean Bernier, Kyle Kaczuwka, and Nolen Finnie.



The girls from the 5/6 Quabbin Valley champion team: (front) Reese McKeever, Madisyn Slattery, Aubrey Wiggins-Gilmore, Ciara Green, Maeve Stevens, Gabby Kaczuwka (back) Andrea Albano, Isabella Cotaj, Coach Scott Slattery, Ellie Pendleton, and Hayssa Freitas.

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Senior athletes to be highlighted in coming weeks

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

Over the next several weeks, the sports section will have stories and photos about the various spring sports teams that were never even able to have a practice, and eventually saw their full season cancelled. You can see them starting in this week's editions.

We will be talking with spring coaches and athletic directors, but would also love to hear from senior players about their feelings about the spring season being cancelled.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

If you don't see your child's sport in the paper, please encourage your son or daughter's coach to contact us so they can all be included.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

Owls AD honored by UMass-Amherst

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University Director of Athletics Richard (Dick) Lenfest, Jr. has been honored by his alma mater as a recipient of the Harold J. VanderZwaag Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UMass Amherst's Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management.

Lenfest has been the athletic director at Westfield State since the 2005-06 season. In his tenure, Owls' athletics has been recognized eight times as the Howard C. Smith Cup winner, representative of the best overall athletics program in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Owls won the Smith Cup in 2015, '16, '17, and 2018, the first four-year sweep in school history.

In the summer of 2018, Lenfest

was recognized as an Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

During Lenfest's tenure, Westfield has added varsity women's lacrosse, men's ice hockey, and men's and women's golf to its sport offerings. Lenfest has also led fundraising efforts that have helped Westfield State to establish its hockey team, improve its baseball and softball fields, and rename its track, creating endowed funds for track, hockey, and cross country, as well as starting the Owl Club annual and corporate giving programs and Owl Club golf tournament to support athletics.

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Golf courses allowed to open, cart for those in need

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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After more than a month of waiting, a sigh of relief has come over at least one sport as Gov. Charlie Baker lifted the ban on golf courses. Golf courses were able to open up last Thursday after Baker took heat for being the only state in the country not to allow golfing.

Two golf courses in central Massachusetts, one of them being Wachusett Golf Course, was set to re-open despite the governor's ban, but Baker lifted it before owners could defy him.

His move was not made without restrictions, many of which will slightly change how the game is played temporarily, such as the fact that flags must remain in the hole and flags that are hit with the ball

not going in the hole are considered a completion of that hole.

One restriction that was met with a lot of unpopularity was the banning of the golf carts, requiring that people walk from hole to hole. For many older golfers, that made the prospect of hitting the course not feasible, and was something that would likely continue to chase golf business to neighboring states, including Connecticut.

But Sunday morning, Baker announced he was lifting the ban on carts, but only for people who show a physical need for them.

According to Mass. Golf, the sport is a \$2.8 billion business in the state. Because golf can be done with a certain level of social distancing, many people have been clamoring for the re-opening of courses.

For now, with a number of guidelines, golfing is now possible for all ages. Not every golf course has opened, but most private courses have made the decision to open. Because Baker allowed course to employ maintenance staff during the full stay-at-home advisory period, most course were kept up and ready to go last Thursday when the order was lifted.

Municipally-run courses can be opened at the discretion of the individual towns. Agawam Mayor William Sapelli immediately opened Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

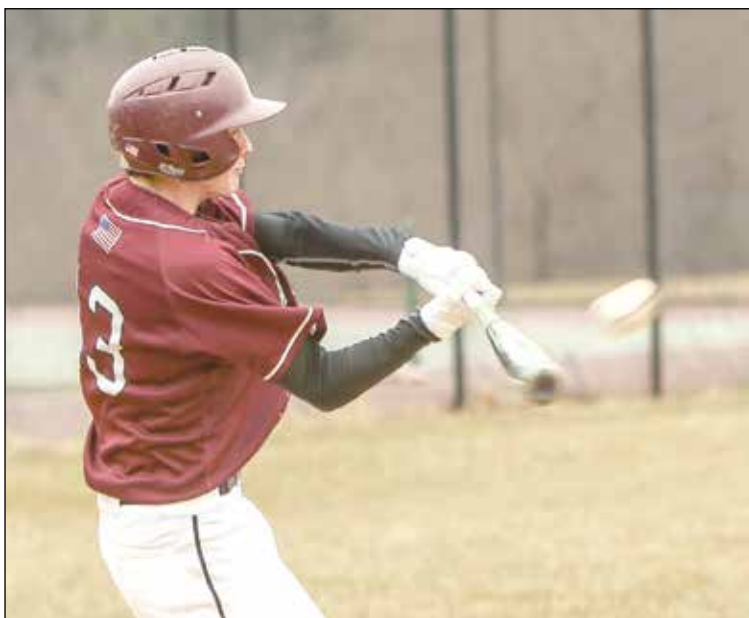
If you are thinking about heading out to the golf course, here are a few of the things you should know to play the game properly and safely under state guidelines: All golfers must maintain proper

social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. Groups of players are restricted to no more than 4 players at one time. Tee Time Policy must be 15 minutes between groups. Golfers must stay in their car until 15 minutes before their tee time and must return to their car immediately following play. All golfers must use their own golf clubs. Sharing golf clubs or rental golf clubs is not allowed.

These are the rules for golf course: Course facilities including but not limited to the clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed. Personnel will be present to enforce social distancing. No other employees will be allowed to work

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Cougar juniors miss chance to move forward



The Quaboag baseball team in action last season. Brandon Hart makes solid contact on this swing.



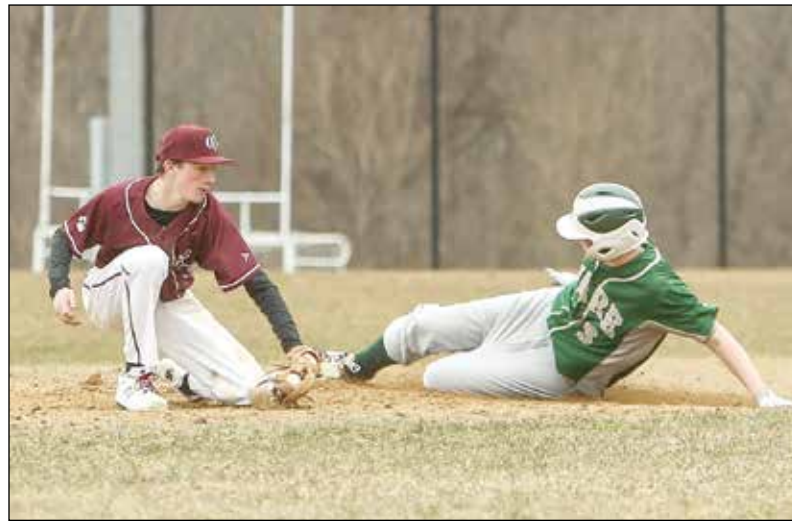
Aidan Gilman delivers to the plate for the Cougars.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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WARREN – Thankfully for the Quaboag Regional High School baseball team, the lost season in 2020 will not hurt any seniors who would have been in their last season.

However, coach Brian Guimond reflected on one individual who would have been a senior for the Cougars.

"The toughest part for me about losing this season is that our one senior would have been Christian Congelos," said Guimond. "He was one of the three Quaboag students who passed away in the car crash two years ago. I was hoping to pay tribute to him in some way this season but of course, that never happened."



Zach Hogan sweep a tag on this Indian runner.

Quaboag would play with his picture posted in the dugout last season, and would have again this year.

Quaboag was not a playoff team last year, but would have advanced several young players forward to

their senior junior year. Six seniors graduated last season, opening the door for more players to step into new starting roles for two years.

Guimond is looking forward to next season and hopes to bring forward several seniors for the squad.

File photos

AHL cancels remainder of 2019-2020 season

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds, in conjunction with the American Hockey League (AHL) and Chief Executive Officer David Andrews, announced today that the league’s Board of Governors has voted to cancel the remainder of the 2019-20 AHL regular season and the 2020 Calder Cup playoffs due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis:

“After a lengthy review process, the American Hockey League has determined that the resumption and completion of the 2019-20 season is not feasible in light of current conditions. The League’s operational focus has turned toward actively preparing for the 2020-21 season. We are very grateful to the National Hockey League and its teams for their support and leadership in navigating through the challenges faced over the past two months. The AHL continues to place paramount importance on the health and safety of our players, officials, staff and fans and all of their families, and we all look forward to returning to our arenas in 2020-21.”

The AHL’s standings – sorted by points percentage – and statistics as of March 12, 2020, are considered final and official, and will serve as the basis for determining league awards for the 2019-20 season.

Statement from Springfield Thunderbirds’ President, Nathan Costa

These truly are unprecedented circumstances, and though it is not the outcome that we all hoped for, we fully support the decision made today

by the American Hockey League to cancel the remainder of the 2019-20 season. On behalf of the entire Thunderbirds organization, we would like to thank our great fans for their unwavering support this year as well as the Florida Panthers for their commitment to our city during the first four years of our franchise. Please continue to adhere to all local and federal guidelines in an effort to stay safe, and I can’t wait to see all of you in a few short months to kick off our 5th Anniversary season at the MassMutual Center in 2020-21.

Though the final standings will show the T-Birds on the cusp of a playoff berth for the first time in their history, we continued to make an impact in the Springfield community during our fourth season. We had nine sell-outs through the shortened 20-21 season, the same number as all of last season, as well as eclipsing the 5,000 per game attendance mark for the second consecutive season with an average of 5,262 per game. Next season will be a special one for the organization, as we begin a five-year affiliation agreement with the defending Stanley Cup champion St. Louis Blues to coincide with the club’s fifth year of existence.

As an organization we have been proactive about reaching out to fans with tickets to remaining games, but if you have not yet made a decision in regards to those tickets, a Thunderbirds representative can help you by calling (413) 739-GOAL or by visiting our Live Chat on our website, www.springfieldthunderbirds.com.

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Mike Finocchio.

The travel teams this season included a grade 5/6 boys Suburban and grade 7/8 Suburban both coached by Josh Kanozek. The grades 5/6 team had an extremely successful season finishing 15-2. Sadly, the championship game they were to participate in was cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Additionally, there was a boys grade 7/8 Quabbin Valley travel team coached by Mike Dulak. This team despite a slow start came on strong towards the end of the season. The last travel team was our girls grade 5/6 Quabbin Valley team. At beginning of season, we struggled to pull a team together due to turnout but some of the parents and players got their friends to participate. The team, coached by Scott Slattery, finished with a 13-1 record and won the Championship game.

Special thanks for the many others that help make the league successful:

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Lenfest is a graduate of the sport management program at UMass Amherst, and earned his MBA from American International College, where he also served as assistant athletic director and assistant women’s basketball coach. Before beginning his career in college athletics, Lenfest worked for ten years in professional baseball as an assistant general manager in the New York Mets system, with stops in Pittsfield, Mass., and Kingsport, Tenn.

Other 2020 honorees included current Pittsburgh Pirates and former Boston Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington, MS 1997, Catherine Carlson, MS 1998, the Senior Vice President, Revenue and Strategy for the Philadelphia Eagles, and Daryl Jasper, BS 1993, vice president of Learfield’s East Region.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is named in honor of longtime professor Dr. VanderZwaag’s unwavering dedication and commitment to the department. Honorees are alumni who display professional excellence, outstanding achievement in the sports industry, and dedication to

the McCormack Department of Sport Management.

The Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is one of the few sport management programs housed within a business school: the Isenberg School of Management. U.S. News & World Report ranks Isenberg as a top public undergraduate business school in New England, and Isenberg’s online MBA is ranked #3 in the world by the Financial Times (2019).

The Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management is one of the oldest such programs in the world, and the program’s network includes more than 2,500 sport industry alumni, featuring leaders and innovators within every segment of the commercial sports industry. The department has one of the top undergraduate programs in the country, and its graduate program—consisting of master’s (MS) level as well as dual-degree (MBA/MS) concentrations—is currently ranked #1 in the world by one of the industry’s leading publications, SportBusiness.



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Have you taken photos at a local sports event and want to see them published in this paper? Email your image(s) with description to: **sports@turley.com**

The deadline for submissions for this sports section is the Monday before publication by noon.

To send in information, contact Sports Editor at 413-283-8393, send an e-mail to sports@turley.com or send it through the mail to: Turley Publications c/o Sports Editor 24 Water St. Palmer, MA 01069

Ware Police Log

Monday, May 4
12:50 a.m. Disturbance Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
3:53 a.m. Ambulance Request Wrin Street – Services Rendered
4:47 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency
8:33 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
3:26 p.m. Vandalism Hillside Village – Investigation Pending
4:47 p.m. Fraud Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered
7:18 p.m. Missing Person North Street – Services Rendered
8:08 p.m. Missing Person West Street – Investigated, Report Filed
8:56 p.m. Disturbance Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
10:09 p.m. Threat Report West Main Street – Services Rendered
11:09 p.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Main Street – Services Rendered
Tuesday, May 5
8:45 a.m. Ambulance Request Wrin Street – Services Rendered
10:16 a.m. Fraud Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered
2:28 p.m. Disturbance Vigeant Street – Services Rendered
6:14 p.m. Disturbance Westbrook Avenue – Investigated, Report
8:33 p.m. Disturbance Otis Avenue – Unfounded Complaint
8:37 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Upper North Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
Wednesday, May 6
12:45 a.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered
7:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Otis Avenue – Investigated, Report Filed
8:24 a.m. Disturbance Palmer Road – Services Rendered
9:29 a.m. Disorderly Conduct Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
9:50 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint East Street – Services Rendered
2:39 p.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered
2:57 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call East Street – Services Rendered
3:39 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Pulaski Street – Area Searched Negative Find
3:49 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
8:41 p.m. Disturbance Cherry Street – Arrest, Felony Charge
Thursday, May 7
3:01 a.m. Alarm Panic Valley View – Services Rendered
1:16 p.m. Assault Palmer Road – Investigation Pending
3:29 p.m. Missing Person Fisherdick Road – Services Rendered
4:22 p.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Highland Street – Services Rendered
6:12 p.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered
7:12 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident
8:22 p.m. Disturbance Prospect Street – Services Rendered
9:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Highland Street – Area Searched Negative Find
10:33 p.m. Ambulance Request King Street – Referred to Other Agency
11:35 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Gould Road – No Police Service Necessary
Friday, May 8
8:17 a.m. Ambulance Request Woodland Heights – Services Rendered
8:46 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
11:38 a.m. Harassment Complaint Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency
11:40 a.m. Trespassing Complaint North Street – Services Rendered
3:33 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Services Rendered
3:45 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Eagle Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
10:30 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Greenwich Plains Road – Investigated, Report Filed
Saturday, May 9
8:32 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
10:24 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
12:10 p.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
12:46 p.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered
2:42 p.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
6:33 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
8:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Referred to Other Agency
9:07 p.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Walker Road – Services Rendered
Sunday, May 10
10:32 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
12:18 p.m. Accident Hit and Run Palmer Road – Services Rendered
5:58 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
8:28 p.m. Fraud Palmer Road – Services Rendered
9:49 p.m. Ambulance Request Vigeant Street – Referred to Other Agency
Monday, May 11
3:48 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Motor Vehicle Over \$1,000
7:10 a.m. Vandalism Church Street – Investigation Pending
9:13 a.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Palmer Road – Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

Sunday, May 3
9:24 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old West Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
11:52 a.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Carpenter Street – Unfounded
12:31 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Carpenter Street – Unfounded
12:52 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Carpenter Street – Officer Spoke to Party
1:02 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Brimfield Road – Information Taken
8:15 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Town Farm Road – Criminal Complaint
Monday, May 4
7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Various Streets – Chief Took Call
5:03 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Main Street – Confirmed Misdial
Tuesday, May 5
11:08 a.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Crescent Street – Officer Spoke to Party
7:05 p.m. Property Damage Main Street – Report Filed
Wednesday, May 6
8:46 a.m. Follow-up Investigation Keys Road – Report Filed
3:27 p.m. Assault Bacon Street – Officer Spoke to Party
5:50 p.m. 911 – Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
Thursday, May 7
8:25 a.m. Trespassing Southbridge Road – Report Filed
10:06 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Bemis Road – Confirmed Misdial
11:04 a.m. Threats Spring Street – Officer Spoke to Party
11:23 a.m. Unattended Death Brimfield Road – Report Filed
12:50 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency – Hawkes Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:34 p.m. Property Dispute Reed Street – Officer Spoke to Party
6 p.m. 911 Transfer West Brookfield – Call Transferred
8:09 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Main Street – Unfounded
8:19 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent
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Main Street – Negative Contact

Friday, May 8
12:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Main Street – Negative Contact
2:39 a.m. Suspicious Activity Main Street – Negative Contact
10:13 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital
3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
Saturday, May 9
12:45 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Southbridge Road – Area Search Negative
12:40 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Bridges Avenue – False/Accidental/Defective Alarm
12:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Street = Officer Spoke to Party
3:08 p.m. Alarm, Residential Bragg Road – Area Patrolled
5:10 p.m. Fire, Electrical Emergency Bemis Road – Investigated
6:06 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Mechanic Street – Confirmed Misdial
6:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity Miller Drive – Negative Contact
6:56 p.m. Fire, Automatic Fire Alarm Bridges Avenue – Investigated
10:21 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Constitution Avenue – Ambulance Signed Refusal

New Braintree

Monday, May 4
10:30 a.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Barre Road – Services Rendered
Thursday, May 7
9:21 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Services Rendered
Friday, May 8
11:32 a.m. 911 – Misdial Oakham Road – Officer
Handled
3:47 p.m. 911 – Fire, Brush Ravine Road – Extinguished
Saturday, May 9
7:34 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Wine Road – Services Rendered
Sunday, May 10
12:09 a.m. Phone – Assault Sibley Road – Summons Issued

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, May 4
2:04 p.m. Phone – Complaint Red Bridge Area – Negative Contact
3:09 p.m. Phone – 911 Misdial Barre Road – Spoken To
4:26 p.m. Initiated – Neighbor Dispute Church Lane – Peace Restored
5:13 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Prospect Street – Services Rendered
Tuesday, May 5
1:03 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Common – Spoken To
7:16 p.m. Phone – Complaint Church Street – Spoken To
Wednesday, May 6
1:58 p.m. 911 – Elevator Call/Alarms Old Petersham Road – Dispatch Handled
2:02 p.m. Initiated – Property Damage Barre Road – Officer Handled
3:12 p.m. 911 – Unattended Death Greenwich Road – Report Taken
Thursday, May 7
5:37 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Old Petersham Road – Spoken To
1:23 p.m. Phone – Fraud Main Street – Officer Handled
Friday, May 8
12:17 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
2:25 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Czesky Road – Services Rendered
4:54 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Turkey Street –

Investigated
Saturday, May 9
6:51 a.m. Phone – Alarm Lower Road – Checked/Secured
8:51 a.m. 911 – Misdial Prouty Road – Spoken To
Sunday, May 10
9:25 a.m. 911 – Misdial Main Street – Officer Handled
10:37 a.m. Initiated – Investigation Barre Road – Officer Handled
5:25 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Pine Street – Peace Restored

Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The league

is hopefully to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/. The league is also on Facebook.

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at the recreational component of the golf operation. All staff must wear face coverings while on property. Members-only clubs can allow guests as determined by the security personnel on the golf course. Private clubs that allow non-members to make reservations can do so at their discretion. Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course. Online and remote payment options must be utilized. Flagsticks must

remain in the hole. Hole liners must be raised so picking a ball out of the hole doesn’t occur. Bunker rakes must be removed, and ball washers must be removed or covered. Practice putting green, driving range, and chipping areas must be closed. Facilities must have readily accessible hand sanitizer.

It is possible these restrictions will receive another look as the state begins to re-open. Golf is currently the only sport being played in the state.

obituaries

Jane H. Clough

WALTHAM – Jane H. (Ziembra) Clough, of Waltham, died peacefully on Sunday May 3, 2020, in Mount Auburn Hospital after a brief illness. She was 96.

Jane was born in Warren on Feb. 19, 1924, the daughter of John and Karoline (Szmist) Ziembra. On Nov. 29, 1942, she had her first date with David E. Clough and the pair wed on Jan. 1, 1948 in a small ceremony. They stayed in Warren until 1952, when David’s new job at Raytheon brought them to Waltham. They would settle in North Waltham where they would raise their sons and live for the rest of their lives.

Jane was a wonderful wife and mother and will be remembered for her innate caring nature. She enjoyed remaining active, and amongst many other endeavors, she was on the board at the Leland Home for many years, loved to

volunteer in any capacity at First Parish Church in Waltham and enjoyed tending to her meticulous flower and vegetable gardens. She was happiest when surrounded by her family and friends, and enjoyed cooking and baking for them at any opportunity. She was very musically inclined and had a passion to play and teach the steel guitar. She also loved animals and had a special affinity for cats.

She was the beloved wife of the late David E. Clough and mother of the late Lawrence D. ‘Larry’ Clough and is survived by her son, Ronald M. Clough, of Hingham, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends in her beloved Waltham community

She was also the sister of the



late Matilda Hatch, Teddy Ziembra and Leona Zulkiewicz.

Jane’s family would like to thank the staff at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge for their kindness and compassionate care they extended to the Clough family during this very difficult time.

She will be laid to rest privately in Pine Grove Cemetery, in Warren. A memorial service celebrating her life at First Parish Church will be announced at a later date.

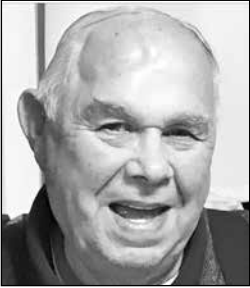
Memorials in her name may be made to The First Parish Church, David Clough Music Fund, 50 Church St., Waltham, 02454 or The Cat Connection, P.O. Box 541435 Waltham, MA 02454.

To share a memory please visit www.JoyceFuneralHome.com.

Edward S. Desjardins

WARE – Edward S. Desjardins, 83, of Ware, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, with his family by his side.

He leaves his wife of 63 years, Annette (Vadnais) Desjardins; three sons, Gary Desjardins, and his wife, Laurie, of Ware, Mark Desjardins, of Ware, Glen Desjardins, and his wife, Rebecca, of Ware; his daughters, Anne Young, of Ware, and Jill Svagdis, and her husband, John, of Braintree; 12 grandchildren; Scott, Elizabeth, Michael, Jeffrey, Jason, Karisa, Kirsten, Camille, Clarice, Natalie, Thomas; and Matthew, with his wife, Nicole, and two great-grandchildren, Liam and Caitlin. He also leaves his brother, Albert Desjardins, of Chicopee, and two sisters, Mary Jean Specht, of Chicopee, and Gloria LaRiviere, of Feeding Hills. Edward was predeceased by his parents, Oscar and Doris Desjardins, and his sister,



Georgette Blais. Eddie will be missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Eddie was born in Montgomery, Vermont in 1936, spending his early years there growing up until the family moved to Chicopee. As a young man, one of Eddie’s first jobs was in a factory (Sickles in Chicopee) where he would meet the love of his life, Annette. Eddie and Annette were married on May 25th, 1957, and later moving to Ware, building their own home where they raised their five children. Later on, Eddie would work for K V Homes Construction and eventually become a carpenter and a proud member of Carpenter’s Union # 108 in Springfield.

Upon retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family, telling stories, talking about his grandchildren and their accomplishments, watching the Red Sox, wrestling and a good cowboy

movie. He was also a member of the Swift River Sportsman Club in Belchertown, enjoying the time he spent there. Eddie always had a big smile when you saw him, and always enjoyed talking to everyone.

Due to the timing of his passing, services will be held privately. A memorial Mass and celebration of Eddie’s life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to those in need in the Ware community by supporting the local food pantry; Jubilee Food Cupboard (P.O. Box 447, Ware, MA 01082).

Donations in honor of Eddie may also be made to Baystate Medical Center to support the great work of the nurses that took care of Eddie during these difficult times (Baystate Health Fund, nurses of units Daily 6A/6B). <https://www.baystatehealth.org/giving>.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Ann M. Desmond

WARE – Ann Marie Desmond, 50, of Ware, passed away on May 3, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, after a courageous battle with Cystic Fibrosis.

She is survived by the love of her life and partner of 23 years, Christopher Pursell; her father, John Desmond, of Ware; her sister, Mary Daley, and her husband, Paul, of Ware, and her brother, Michael Desmond, and his wife, Barbara, of Amherst, New Hampshire. She also leaves her nieces, Jessica and Emily Daley, nephews, Paul Daley Jr. and Christopher Desmond, her uncle, Paul Desmond, and aunt, Kathy Desmond, of Monson, and two special cousins, Pat Cantwell and Daniel Desmond. Ann was predeceased by her mother, Genevieve (Heffernan) Desmond, her aunt, Mary Cantwell, and her nephew,

Paul Desmond Daley.

Ann grew up in Ware, graduating from Ware High School, Becker College and STCC. She was previously employed as a medical assistant at UMass-Amherst Health Services.

Ann loved planting flowers in her garden, was an avid cat lover and enjoyed biking and walking. She looked forward to the warm weather so she could paddle boat, swim and sunbathe on Beaver Lake. She was very active in online Cystic Fibrosis support groups. Most of all, Ann loved socializing and being with her friends and family. Ann was an inspiration to all who knew her, living life to the



fullest while battling her disease. Ann’s family would like to thank the caregivers at the multiple hospitals that assisted with her care.

All services are private due to current restrictions. When the pandemic has passed, we will come together to celebrate Ann’s life and all she meant to us.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, www.cff.org or 220 North Main St., Suite 104, Natick, MA 1760 or to the animal shelter of the donor’s choice.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Genevieve Marie (Pranskevich) Germain, 94

A Remembrance:

Genevieve (Genny) dedicated most of her married life to the care of her six children, MaryAnn, Marcia, Genevieve, Michael, Peter Joseph and Therese.

She was born in Mt Carmel, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 4, 1925 to Lithuanian immigrants, a real coal miner’s daughter, one of eight children.

After graduating high school, she trained in aircraft sheet metal for the World War II war efforts and worked on welding aircraft parts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Towards the end of the war Genny moved to New York City with her older sisters, and worked as a sales clerk in the Macy’s Department Store.

In New York City she met Louis (Jerry) Germain of Springfield, Massachusetts, who was serving in the 2nd Marine Division and was



deployed in the South Pacific.

In March of 1945, they married and moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where Jerry was stationed and hospitalized for machine gun wounds, before being discharged. Genny secured work as a telephone operator.

With the pregnancy of their first child, Genny and Jerry moved to West Warren, Massachusetts, to stay with his family on their small dairy farm.

Eventually through the GI Bill they bought and ran a small dairy farm in the Gilbertville/Hardwick area. Farming was a struggle for these two novices. Both supplemented income with second and third jobs. Genny worked in the Gilbertville Mills and later in the Barre Wool plant.

When the farm closed due to new dairy distribution laws, Genny went back to school, and obtained a LPN nursing license. She worked

at Belchertown State School until retirement at 65.

Genevieve enjoyed her retirement living out her days “on the farm” until May 14, 2019, when she died from pancreatic cancer with cardiac complications.

She enjoyed gardening, remodeling the house, spending money, going to plays, and traveling with family. She was an avid reader and prolific knitter.

Genevieve leaves her six children, their spouses, ex-spouses, and significant other. She also leaves nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. She was survived by two sisters, Emilie, of New York, and Beverly, of Pennsylvania.

We miss you Mom.

Our family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to Mom’s medical service providers. A special thanks to Dr. Ronald Beauzile, and nurse care manager Kimberly, of Quabbin Adult Medical, and the Bay State Home Health and Hospice Services.

Sheila Machnik

WARE – Sheila A. (Cleveland) Machnik, 64, died Saturday, May 9, 2020, at the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, the daughter of the late Elmer and Joan (Burke) Cleveland, and lived in Monson in her early years before moving to Ware. She graduated from Ware High School in 1973. Sheila worked as an administrative assistant for George Benoit & Co., in Palmer, for over 30 years.



Sheila was a very special and loving person, always finding the good in people. Because of these qualities, she developed so many friendships with her loving and caring ways, and was an inspiration to all. She loved all types of music and attended multiple concerts each year, from Englebert to Def Leppard. Sheila had a very active life, enjoying her visits to Foxwoods and Fenway, the annual trip to Tucson and Las Vegas, and in the summer brightening up the shores at the family cottage at Buttermilk Bay on the Cape. She became an active member of The Ladies Auxiliary at Amvets Post 74 in Three Rivers, socializing with the Amvets family, and helping with benefits for veterans with her hard work, baking talents, and her beautiful smile. She will be missed dearly by her loving family to whom she was so devoted, including her grandchildren who will always remember “Mimi.”

June C. Przybyla

WARE – June C. (Gage) Przybyla, of Ware, age 83, passed away suddenly, on Monday, May 4, at BayState Hospital in Springfield.

She was the beloved wife of the late Ignatius E. Przybyla, who predeceased her in 2010. They were happily married for 55 years. June was born in Clinton, the daughter of the late Edwin and Bernice (Quimby) Gage.

She graduated from Hardwick High School in 1954. June’s favorite pastime was dancing, especially with her husband, Iggy. How they could polka! June enjoyed the company of her many friends. She enjoyed their many nights out dancing, lunches and traveling with their husbands. June also enjoyed going shopping and loved anything that glittered.

Besides her husband, June

Death notices

Clough, Jane H. (Ziembra)

Died May 3, 2020
Memorial Service at a later date
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Desjardins, Edward S.

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Desmond, Ann M.

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Charbonneau Funeral Home
Ware

Machnik, Sheila A. (Cleveland)

Died May 9, 2020
Funeral Services at a later date
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

Przybyla, June C. (Gage)

Died May 4, 2020
Celebration of Life at a later date
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

Sidote, Sophie E.

Died May 7, 2020
Funeral services are private
Charbonneau Funeral Home
Ware

Sheila is survived by her beloved husband of 17 years, Edward T. Machnik, her three children, Christopher Pajak, of Ware, Nicholas Pajak, of Old Hickory, Tennessee, and Amy Burke, and her husband, Jonathan, of Warren; her sisters, Linda Massino, and her husband, Tony, of Georgetown, Delaware, Anita Nadeau, of West Warren, and Brenda Cleveland and her partner, Kevin Madigan, of Gilbertville. She also leaves her step-daughters, Megan Yaffe, and her husband, Matt, of Rumford, Rhode Island, Heather Pierce, and her

partner, Eric Morrison, of Gilbertville; her step-father, Arnie Lucia, of Lakeland, Florida, nine grandchildren and her former husband and father of her children, Charles Pajak, of Ware.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved son, Daniel Pajak, in 2017, and her brothers, Paul and Elmer Cleveland.

Sheila’s funeral services will be held at a later date. Cebula Funeral Home, of Ware, has been entrusted with her final arrangements.

was also predeceased by her son, Thomas I. Przybyla. June leaves her daughter, Candace Smith, and her husband, Jonathan, of Ware, her daughter, Darlene Tindell, and her husband, Ronald, of Ware, her daughter, Victoria Scott, and her husband, Charles, of Coldwater, Michigan, her son, Walter Przybyla, and his wife, Cynthia, of Ware, and her daughter-in-law, Kristen Davis Przybyla, of Kansas City, Missouri. She is also survived by her sister, Norma Caslis, and sister-in-law, Mary Gage, both of Ware, and brother-in-law, Robert Bates, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. June also leaves 14 grandchildren, Mandolyn Picioneri, Melody Lagimoniere,



Sarah Przybyla, Misty Brewster, Scott Powell, Angela Gula, Keven Tindell, Darryll Monette, Regina Scott, Jacqueline Yap, Brandon Scott, Matthew Przybyla, Monica Przybyla and Molly Przybyla. June had 13 great-grandchildren, Tyler, Dylan, Avery, Xavier, Majka, Kazmiryr, Anthony, Richard, Jillian, Theodore, Ryuki, Kaishi and Tatsuki.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Cebula Funeral Home was entrusted with June’s final arrangements. For more information and guestbook, please visit www.cebulafuneral-home.com.

Sophie E. Sidote

WARE – Sophie E. (Slaby) Sidote, born Aug. 8, 1918, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2020. She was the wife of Gerald N. Sidote, who died in 1992, and the mother of Ronald Sidote, who died in 1958.

She is survived by her daughter, Geraldine Giannandrea, and her grandson, Thomas Giannandrea; one sister, Helen Luszczynski, of Chicopee.

Born in Ware, where she was a lifelong resident. She worked for the Ware Knitters until she retired in 1980, after 30 years. She was an active member of the Golden Agers in Ware.

Sophie was the oldest daughter in a family of nine, and took over parenting her siblings when their mother died at a young age. When Sophie married, she and Gerald built their home on the

family property on Gilbertville Road, where her doors were always open to all. Sophie was an excellent cook and baker, and always enjoyed sampling new desserts, although her cherry cheesecake was a ‘must have’ for family gatherings.

She was proud of her brothers who served in World War II, and she was a charter member of the Quaboag Auxiliary Unit of the Disabled American Veterans, and served as Commander between 1999 and 2004.

Sophie especially enjoyed holidays, entertaining and spending time with her family. She was a ‘lucky’ gambler and loved to play cards, bingo and travel to



Foxwoods. She was also a talented seamstress. Although she had suffered her share of heartbreaks in life, Sophie was a kind, loving and generous woman, with never a disparaging word to say about anyone. She loved people unconditionally, and she loved life wholeheartedly.

The angels in heaven are celebrating today because their Angel Sophie has rejoined them. She was deeply loved by all who were fortunate to know her and she will never be forgotten.

Funeral services are private. Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

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“We raised the money mostly through Facebook and word of mouth,” Moryl said. “It’s been a good mix of donors, with a lot of individuals giving \$10 to \$5,000, and everything in between.”

He lives next to Teresa’s restaurant and whenever he would head over to the restaurant to pick up a pizza he would get talking to diners about the project. “I think walking over to Teresa’s for pizza, I must have received between \$400 and \$500.”

Moryl said restoring the bell mechanisms so it can ring out

again is a “feel good” project, to which people have been very generous, sometimes pulling out their checkbook after they ask him how it is progressing.

While they had hoped to have the project finished in time for the bell tolling on Memorial Day, COVID-19 restrictions meant the factory in Ohio recasting the strikers could be open.

“When it’s all done it’s going to be awesome,” he said. “These strikers will last for 80 to 100 years; that’s a pretty long time.”

The Town Hall is getting spruced up bit by bit as painting in the Great Hall, which was approved at a Special Town

Meeting last year and augmented by a \$5,000 donation from the Friends of Ware Town Hall.

The Historical Commission has chosen a combination of creamy ivory and bright white for the hall, and the town has the opportunity to match a \$50,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this year’s Annual Town Meeting on June 22 at the high school. The grant would repoint and replace brick at various places on the building.

Donations can be sent to Town Hall, 126 Main St., Ware, MA., 01082, with a note on the memo line that it is for the bell project.

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public notices

Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SP-2020-02

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 AT 7:00 PM** on the application of MRL, LLC and Cedar Roots. The Applicant seeks to obtain an **Extension of Time for Special Permit and Site Plan Approval** to commence approved project SP-2019-03 and SPR-2019-02 in accordance with Section 7.2.3 of the Ware Zoning By-Law and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. This meeting will be held through a digital platform, refer to the meeting agenda posting for details.

LOCATION: 50 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 6600, Page 165. Property is also listed on Assessor's Map 57-0-116. Zoned: Mill Yard (MY).

A complete copy of the application may be inspected at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office or the Planning Department webpage. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated above. All interested parties are invited to attend.

WARE PLANNING BOARD
Richard Starodoj,
Chairman
5/14, 5/21/2020

TOWN OF HARDWICK CEMETERY COMMISSION INVITATION TO BID

The Cemetery Commission is seeking quotes for the mowing and upkeep of the Hardwick common and three cemeteries in the Town of Hardwick including burials and installation of foundations in the Upper Cemetery, beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The successful bidder will be a reputable qualified provider of these services and will be insured for general liability and worker's compensation.

Scope of Services Is available at:
www.townofhardwick.com.

Hard copies are also available at the Municipal Office Building.

Written quotes will be accepted until Monday, June 1, 2020 by 3:00PM. Quotes may be mailed or hand delivered to the Cemetery Commissioners, Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive informalities in any and all bids.

James Swett
Hardwick Cemetery Commission
5/14, 5/21/2020

Invitation to Bid Town of Hardwick, Massachusetts FY 2021 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, #2 Heating Oil, Propane, Heating Equipment Service and Gasoline

The Hardwick Board of Selectmen as awarding authority, invites sealed bids for the procurement of the following goods and services:

Item 1. Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel - Highway Department

Item 2. #2 Heating Oil
All Public Buildings
Item 3. Propane Gas
Item 4. Heating Equipment Service Rates
Item 5. Gasoline
Bid specifications are available on the towns' website www.townofhardwick.com or by request via email at admin@townof-hardwick.com

Sealed bids plainly marked, for road materials and/or the items listed above will be received at the office of the Town Administrator, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, Massachusetts, 01031 until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, Monday June 8th, 2020.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Selectmen's Meeting held at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA on Monday June 8th, 2020 at 6:30 PM. **Please note, the meeting may be held remotely/virtually if the current ban of social gathering has not been lifted by the Governor prior to this meeting. Information on how to attend the remote/virtual meeting will be posted on the Town's website in advance of said meeting.**

Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Town Administrator's Office, Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

The Town of Hardwick reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town.

Kenan P. Young,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Hardwick
5/14, 5/21/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS20P0222EA Estate of: Sean M Madigan Date of Death: March 14, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert E Madigan** of Ware MA.

Robert E Madigan of Ware MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
5/14/2020



Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20A0032AD CITATION G.L. c. 210, § 6 In the matter of: Avalynn Marie Morin

To:
Ryan Joseph McNamee any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:
Alexandra Morin of Monson, MA
William Randall Bozenhard, Jr. of Monson, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

Avalynn Marie Morin-Bozenhard
If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Springfield** on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: **05/29/2020**

WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 23, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
4/30, 5/07, 5/14/2020

PROPERTY from page 6

The list of unclaimed property owners in Massachusetts has grown each year. During these unprecedented circumstances, the UCP team's established online presence is fully accessible to the public and continues to be extremely effective, as the number of searches and claims for unclaimed property has increased.

In the past five weeks alone, UCP has processed over 12,000 claims. With an efficient and customer-friendly claims system in place, over \$5.5 million worth of claims have been properly paid out during the pandemic.

With unemployment numbers increasing, the opportunity for Massachusetts residents to discover unclaimed property that is rightfully theirs has been beneficial. Unclaimed Property can consist of bank accounts, uncashed checks, stocks or dividends, insurance policies, or the contents of safe deposit boxes.

"Similar to other agencies and businesses, we have had to quickly adapt to our new normal," said Mark Bracken, assistant treasurer/director of the Unclaimed Property Division. "But because of thoughtful planning and preparation we are in a much better place than most and have been able to help thousands of people in the past five weeks."

UCP currently holds over \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property at Treasury. One in 10 Massachusetts residents are owed money. Anyone who wants to check if they have unclaimed money can go to <https://findmassmoney.com/>.

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education students were receiving a fraction of what they would get if school were in session. She said when the teachers get the students back in the classroom, they would assess their skill levels. They would then work to get them to the level where they should be.

The superintendent said the district celebrated Lunch Hero Day last week to thank food service personnel. This week, she said was Educator Appreciation Week and tomorrow would be National Nurse Day. Muir said the fall of 2020 has many unknowns and challenges.

Teacher Advisory Council

Evan Barringer of the Teacher Advisory Council said teachers were working 40 and 50 hours per week. He said teachers in the Quabbin School District were doing a great job and had adapted to remote learning.

Meals

Cheryl Duval, director of Administrative Services, said 25,803 meals were distributed. Of those, 16,142 were at the Quabbin Regional Middle High School and 9,661 at Hardwick Elementary School. She said to date the program cost \$6,000. She said some Hubbardston residents requested a closer distribution site. MART of Gardner provided free transportation of meals to Hubbardston. She said a decision would be made on whether to stop the meal distribution June 24 or June 30 or to go through the summer. She said the Hardwick site was the only one that qualified for summer distribution as they had over 50 percent of students on the free or reduced lunch program.

Budget

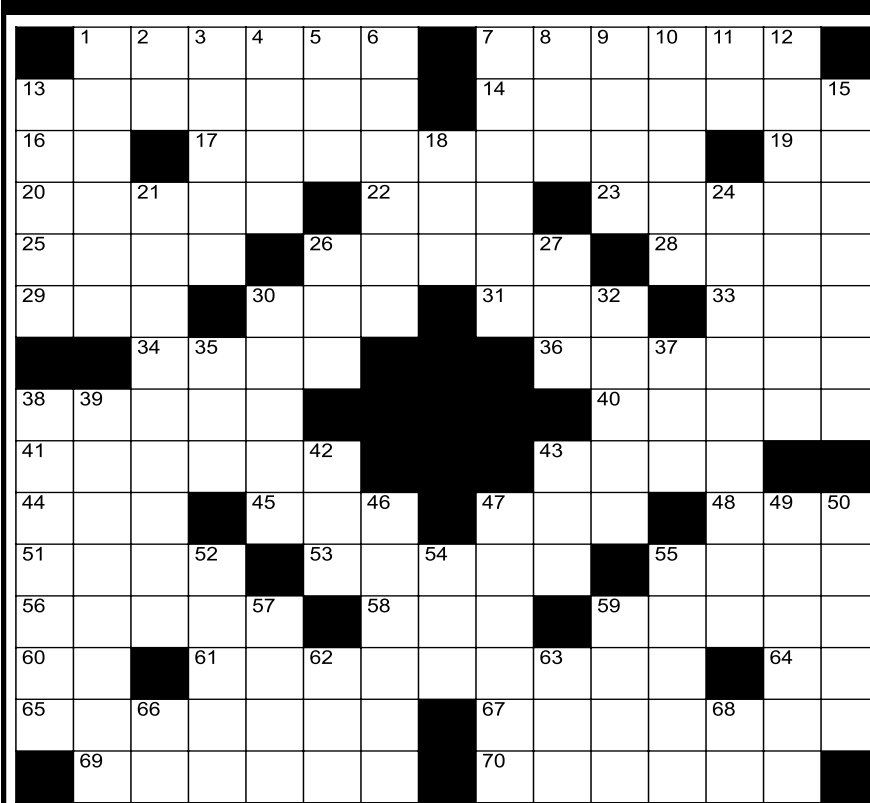
Duval said she currently was spending for only essential needs. She said it was unknown when the House and Senate budget would be released. The process might not be completed by June 30. She said she expected to be on a 1/12 budget. She said cash flow would be sufficient until December when the regional retirement assessment would be due.



Here's to the
**Class of
2020**

WARE – Signs celebrating Ware Junior Senior High School's Class of 2020 are popping up all over town as the end of the school year are almost in sight.

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Eileen Kennedy*



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- Productive
- Popular cocktail
- Sausages
- Western state
- Natural desires
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- Move from one place to another
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- Umbrella brand
- Delinquent
- Tax collector
- Cooking tool
- Female sibling
- Flat-topped hat
- Angolan currency
- Boardwalk candy
- European nation
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- Uttered words
- Unfashionable person
- Disappointed
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- 007's creator
- Pain
- UCLA mascot
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- Mimic
- Crime involving fire
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- American state
- Digressions
- Tell on
- Brews
- Belongs to the bottom layer
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- Dish
- Expelled air from the nose
- Body art
- Fierce, destructive act
- Bear bright yellow flowers
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- Get off your feet
- Male organs in some invertebrates
- so good
- Cleverness

- Protest yacht
- Anesthetized
- Mollified
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- Squirrels like them
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